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58. (New) The spindle motor of claim 17 wherein the steel ferrule acts as flux return ring for the motor.

In the Abstract:

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On page 32, please rewrite the Abstract as follows:

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A spindle motor comprises a baseplate, a shaft supported by said baseplate, a stator assembly having windings, the stator being rigidly attached to said baseplate, injection molded thermoplastic material encapsulating said windings, and a hub supported on said shaft, said hub having a magnet connected thereto in operable proximity to the stator assembly. In one embodiment, the stator is coreless. In other embodiments, the stator has a core and the core is substantially encapsulated by the thermoplastic material. In preferred embodiments, the thermoplastic material secures the stator to the baseplate or forms the baseplate.

REMARKS

The amendment does not involve new matter. Claim 2 and the Abstract are amended to correct typographical errors. The amendments to these items from the previous version to the rewritten version are shown in Appendix A, with deletions bracketed and additions underlined. New claim 58 is supported by page 16, lines 7-8 and page 17, line 1.

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